

FAQ



MINIMUM COURTROOM SECURITY STANDARDS

- (1) Silent bench panic button connected directly to the sheriff's department or police department;
- (2) A bullet-proof bench;
- (3) Availability of an armed, uniformed guard (officer) in each courtroom during court sessions;
- (4) Court security training sessions for court officers; and
- (5) Hand-held detectors (minimum of 2) and/or magnetometers in each county to assure the safety in each courthouse or courtroom.

Q: Who developed the minimum standards?

A: The present minimum court security standards were adopted by the Tennessee Judicial Conference.

Q: When will my application be reviewed?

A: All grant application will be reviewed after October 16, 2017.

Q: When will I hear whether I received a grant?

A: Award letters will be sent out after the grant review process is complete, usually within 90 days.

Q: Is my grant renewable?

A: No, this is a one-time grant.

Q: Is there a match requirement?

A: Yes, there is a 10% match required by the county. In-kind matches may also be considered.

Q: Can the grant be used to hire additional security personnel for a court?

A: No, this is a one-time grant.

Q: Can we receive funds to purchase approved items in advance of purchase?

A: No, this is a reimbursement grant. Items must be purchased before funds are released.

Q: Can grant money be used to cover a purchase already made for court security in the past year?

A: No, this grant is for approved purchases moving forward.

Q: Can this grant be used for building maintenance?

A: Yes, if maintenance would enhance court security.

Q: When is the deadline for grant funds to be spent and submitted for reimbursement?

A: All grants approved should be submitted to AOC for payment by April 1, 2018